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Proposed Initiative Enters Circulation

*Parental Notification and Waiting Period Before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy.
Initiative Constitutional Amendment.*

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley announced today that the proponents of a new initiative may begin collecting petition signatures for their measure.

The Attorney General's official title and summary is as follows:

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION AND WAITING PERIOD BEFORE TERMINATION OF
MINOR'S PREGNANCY. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

- Amends California Constitution to prevent an abortion on unemancipated minor until 48 hours after physician notifies minor's parent or legal guardian, except in medical emergency or with parental waiver of notice.
- Permits judicial waiver of notice based on minor's best interests or clear and convincing evidence of minor's maturity.
- Authorizes monetary damages and attorney's fees for violation.
- Physician must report abortions on minors.
- State shall compile statistics.
- Minor must consent to abortion except in medical emergency, and minor may apply to juvenile court for relief from coercion.

The summary of the estimate by the Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of the fiscal impact on state and local governments indicates that the net costs of this measure to Medi-Cal and other programs are unknown, but are probably not significant in the context of the total expenditures for these programs.

The proponents, Paul E. Laubacher and Barbara R. Laubacher must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, which is eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions is December 9, 2004. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-381-5222.

For a copy of the complete text, title & summary, and circulation calendar, please contact the Secretary of State's Press Office at 916-653-6575.